

From the Chair



Since our last newsletter many of you will have celebrated Suffrage Day (September 19). This significant day in New Zealand's history not only provides the opportunity for individuals and organisations to celebrate New Zealand's suffrage achievements, but to also remind ourselves we need to continually look for ways to make further progress to benefit women.

We know our awards programme benefits women. From small beginnings we now provide an increasing number and diversity of awards. In 2015 we provided awards worth over \$140,000 to 41 women, details are provided later in the newsletter and on our website.

On behalf of the Trust, congratulations to all our awardees. My thanks go to the Trustees and their supporters for organising the awards ceremonies, to the ceremony sponsors, and to the inspirational speakers who gave their time to share their magic at our ceremonies. And on behalf of the Trust and award recipients, thank you to our sponsors, donors and award selection panels; we couldn't provide the awards without your generous support.

In the last newsletter I mentioned we had commissioned research to answer the question 'to what extent do our awards benefit women?' A summary of the report prepared by Elizabeth Luke is now available on our website www.newhorizonsforwomen.org.nz

Snippets from the report are provided below. The benefit achieved from our awards is both tangible & intangible. Tangible benefits include financial assistance for study and family-related expenses which then relieves stress and enables recipients to focus on their study or research:

"I was really finding it hard to make ends meet. I couldn't cover my weekly costs and so lots of things were not taken care of such as car maintenance".

The intangible benefits are extensive. Many spoke of how having others believe in them enhanced their self-worth and gave them courage to make life-changing decisions for themselves and their family.

"I am not entirely sure I would have achieved this had I not received the Award. NHWT believed in me when I needed someone to most".

2016 promises to be an exciting year. We plan to extend our awards programme further with the addition of targeted awards for Maori women and migrant women, plus more research awards. Our refreshed brand will be launched at the 2016 Annual Meeting. Behind the scenes we continue to make improvements in how we govern and run the Trust; these improvements are described in the Strategic Plan which will be available from our website later in 2015. If you are keen to contribute to the Trust in any way please contact me (see details at right). We look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting, Wellington (1st April, 2016) or at the 2016 award ceremonies.

Dr Jo Innes, Chair

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2015 Awardees

The following awards were presented at ceremonies in Whangarei, Auckland, Hamilton, Palmerston North, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin in 2015

Congratulations to all Awardees!

Second Chance Education Awards:

Alexandra Kilpatrick Second Chance Education Awards:

Ruby Grace, Erena Packer and Simone Cooper

Alma McCrae Foundation Studies Award: Marama Rawenata

Chenery Foundation Studies Award: Jaime Brown

Dawn & Arthur Ibbotson Foundation Studies Award: Kerri-Anne Hayes

Dawn & Arthur Ibbotson Second Chance Education Award: Rhianonne Robb

FW Second Chance Education Scholarship: Catherine Irvine

Graduate Women Manawatu Second Chance Education Awards:

Bridget Newton, Darnel Ngarimu-Cooper and Victoria Sunderland

Jack Ilott Second Chance Education Award: Sharlene Crawford

NHWT (Anonymous) Second Chance Education Award: Monica Walton

NZ Federation of Graduate Women (Wellington) Second Chance Education Awards:

Jean Nel, Raewyn Tong and Melanie Jane Thompson

NZ Federation of Graduate Women (North Shore) Second Chance Award: Liliane Valoa

NZFGW Canterbury Trust Foundation Studies Award: Leanne Jacobs

NZFGW Mildred Keir Second Chance Education Award: Sharon Fletcher

Olive Tree Charitable Trust Second Chance Education Award: Rebekah Matsas

Peg Hutchison Second Chance Education Award: Vanessa Bryant

Rita King Second Chance Education Award: Laurene Bryce

Second Chance Group Wellington Preloved Fashion Sale Awards: Betty Goodger and Mai-Cheree Howard

Ted Athy Second Chance Education Award: Melanie Fallon

Teupoko'ina Utanga Morgan Memorial Second Chance Education Award: Amanda Taylor

Waikato Graduate Women Educational Trust Foundation Studies Awards:

Regina Tito-Campbell and Lena Matiaha

Waikato Graduate Women Educational Trust Second Chance Education Award: Melissa Pol

Zonta Whangarei Second Chance Education Award: Sharmaine Lynn Poata

Teupoko'ina Utanga Morgan Memorial Innovation Awards:

Betty Polefolau and Matua mo e Tama Aoga Vagahau Niue

Research Awards:

Margaret L Bailey Science Award: Tanya Rhodes

Margaret Shields Research Award: Nina Seja

Ria McBride Research Award: Latai Tu'ulaki Sekeni Tu'imana

NZ Federation of Graduate Women Wellington Branch Research Awards:

Jodyanne Kirkwood, Tarja Vitonen and Amber Kale

Career Change Awards:

Peg Hutchison Career Change Award: Ainsley McLean

Sue Macdonald Career Change Award: Millie Watkins

Sonja Davies Peace Award:

Maureen Fepuleai Harvey

Ria McBride Public Service Management Award:

Stephanie Martin



2015 Award Ceremony Highlights

As always, the highlight of the NHWT Calendar are the Annual Awards Ceremonies. It is a great opportunity for the Board of Trustees, our sponsors and supporters to meet our awardees in person and to hear their stories. It is an honour and a pleasure to present the awards to these deserving women and to celebrate their achievements.

For full descriptions of the events go to: <http://www.newhorizonsforwomen.org.nz/events/2015-award-ceremonies/2015-award-ceremonies/>

Hamilton Awards Ceremony, 17th July, 2015. The Bill Gallagher Centre at Wintec was the venue. Guest speaker, Anjum Rahman spoke on the effects of isolation on women. Our awardees spoke consistently of the huge difference that their award would make to their lives, not just financially, but as recognition of their potential. The Hon. Louise Upston closed the ceremony, where she acknowledged the considerable service that the Trust provided to women and to New Zealand society.



Christchurch/Otautahi Awards Ceremony, 18th July, 2015. Danielle O'Halloran, President of the Christchurch Branch of PACIFICA in 2014, spoke about why second-chance education was important for women, and particularly Pacifica women. The Hon Lianne Dalziel presented the awards and each awardee spoke about their early lives and the discouragement that each of them experienced when they wanted to pursue education that was not defined as study for girls.

Dunedin Awards Ceremony, 19th July, 2015. The Dunedin award ceremony was held in rather cold conditions in the Te Tumu Annex of the University of Otago, Dunedin. Three awards were presented – the Teupoko'ina Utanga Morgan Memorial Second-Chance Award, awarded to Amanda Taylor; the Dawn & Arthur Ibbotson Second-Chance Award awarded to Rhiannone Robb; and the Dawn & Arthur Ibbotson Foundation Award awarded to Kerri-Anne Hayes. The guest speaker, Pearl Matahiki, Tumuaki/Manager, Māori Centre was inspiring, speaking of her own life story with the strong message of the importance of relationships and mentors in life and of seizing every opportunity.



Wellington Awards Ceremony, 23rd July, 2015

Ten awards were presented in front of whanau and friends in the Hunter Common Room at Victoria University of Wellington. Five Second-Chance Awards, two Foundation Study Awards, two Research Awards and the Ria McBride Public Service Management Award were presented by various sponsors to well-deserving students. Mary Mowbray introduced a new research award *The Margaret Shields Research Award*, and guest speaker, Sandi Beatie, former Deputy State Services Commissioner outlined her career choices and changes – a positive example of accepting challenges and succeeding.



Palmerston North Awards Ceremony, 24th July, 2015

The Palmerston North Awards Ceremony was held at the Universal College of Learning (UCOL), Palmerston North. We presented a record number of awards this year to women undertaking tertiary education at institutions within the Manawatu-Wanganui region – 6 awards for second-chance education and one research award.



Auckland Awards Ceremony, 8th August, 2015. The Auckland ceremony was hosted by Auckland University of Technology (AUT) at their South campus in Manukau, which is idyllically located in the former Carter Holt Harvey estate. The opening address was presented by TV sports presenter Jenny May Coffin. Jenny May spoke of her battles in representing NZ in both netball and touch football as well as her journey in journalism and what hard work was invested to accomplish these roles. We hosted over 100 people with awardees, sponsors and of course their whānau.



Award Spotlight: Dr. Lucy Burkitt, the Margaret L. Bailey Science Award

The Margaret L. Bailey Science Research Award recipient, Soil Scientist Dr Lucy Burkitt from Massey University, reports that her study - quantifying nutrient and sediment losses in surface runoff generated from grazed hill country within the Manawatu catchment - is progressing very well, despite only having six runoff events (not enough intense or prolonged storm events!) where they were able to collect water and analyse the amount of nutrients and sediment being lost from their experimental plots. The data collected to date are assisting to unravel the complex role hydrology plays in nutrient and sediment loss in these tricky hill country environments.

This support from the award has and will continue to allow her to collect a full year of runoff data which will be invaluable in providing base line data from a permanent pasture system. These data will then allow them to compare the impact of land use change from pasture to cropping on nutrient and sediment loss.

The data and momentum that this study has generated (thanks to NHWT funding support) has attracted a Masters student who will study the effect of cropping these steep hill country soils on nutrient and sediment loss. Hill country farmers searching for higher quality feed to finish their lambs are turning to cropping in steep marginal country to increase their returns. However, the effects of these practices on nutrient and sediment loss have not been studied, despite the risk they pose to water quality.

Sponsor Spotlight: Dawn Ibbotson

Student Mum's Second Chance:



Dawn Ibbotson meets Rhianonne Robb and her daughter Tui Robinson yesterday after Ms Robb was given the Dawn and Arthur Ibbotson Second Chance Award. PHOTO: GREGOR RICHARDSON

(Excerpts from an article by Samuel White, published in The Otago Daily Times, 29 August 2015)

It hasn't been easy for Dunedin woman Rhianonne Robb, juggling fulltime study with caring for two children over the past two and a-half years. But her hard work has been recognised by the New Horizons for Women Trust as the latest recipient of the Dawn and Arthur Ibbotson Second Chance Award.

Ms Robb was presented with the award in July, but Mrs Ibbotson was unable to attend. Mrs Ibbotson said previously she had given to only one award, but this year she wanted to give more. "It makes such a difference to their lives," she said. Mrs Ibbotson, not shy in acknowledging her longevity, said she liked giving something back. "Life has been pretty good to me and I'd like to return it."

Mrs Ibbotson studied at the University of Otago from 1933-37 and has spent much of her life volunteering time to help others.

She was made a Commander of the British Empire in 1977 and awarded the New Zealand 1990 Commemoration Medal in recognition of her dedication to the community.

Ms Robb is in her final semester studying educational psychology extramurally through Massey University. She is grateful for the scholarship, as it had been a struggle to bring up her two daughters on only the income of two students.

The other award sponsored by Mrs Ibbotson, the Dawn and Arthur Ibbotson Foundation Award, was given to Kerri-Anne Hayes, of Dunedin.

Messages from our Sponsors & Donors:

From the Second Chance (Preloved Fashion Sale) Group:

Spring has sprung. The time when winter clothes get put away and summer clothes come out to play! And those winter clothes you didn't wear this year (or last year either!!!) get put into a bag at the bottom of the wardrobe, ready to donate to the 2016 Preloved Fashion Sale! We will start collecting donated clothes, accessories and jewellery in January, but it's never too early to start stashing the goodies to help us beat our 2015 sale results.

We had a great sale in March and were able to make more awards to women who were taking a second chance at tertiary education.

Sale Day 2016:

Set your diary for Saturday 9 April 2016 – that's the date for the next Preloved Fashion Sale where you will get high-quality fashion at bargain prices. How good is that?

www.secondchancegroup.org.nz



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Each year a range of awards are funded by Endowment Funds managed by New Horizons for Women. These funds are the result of the generosity of many donors – both individuals and groups. The funds continue to grow through the support of the Donors and Friends of NHWT and this is very much appreciated.

This year three new second chance education awards have been funded by the recently established Alexandra Kilpatrick Fund.

Friends of New Horizons for Women Trust:

As a Friend you can make an annual donation and be kept up-to-date with events and activities throughout the year. Your donation will support the Trust in continuing to provide women with scholarships, enabling them the opportunities offered through tertiary qualifications, and ensuring research is dedicated to issues affecting women and girls in New Zealand.

As a Friend of New Horizons for Women Trust you will receive:

- **Our quarterly newsletter by email or mail, (your choice).** The newsletter features stories, profiles and information about the people we work with to increase access to education and research for women in NZ.
- **An invitation** to our Annual Meeting (in Wellington) and the Award Ceremony in your region.

Become a Friend of the Trust by filling in the form below, or contacting our Administrator, Rachel Nankivell at enquiries@newhorizonsforwomen.org.nz

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